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SUBJECT: PRIMIN TANAKA'S FACIAL NEURALGIA

REF: TOKYO 16594 (1973)

1. DR. BUNKICHI WAKASUGI (REFTTEL) INFORMED PRESS JANUARY 19 THAT
PRIMIN TANAKA WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST SEVERAL WEEKS OF TREATMENT

FOR THE NEURALGIC CONDITION WHICH CONTINUES TO DISTORT THE SHAPE
OF HIS FACE. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT
WAS BASED ON THE RESULTS OF AN
EXAMINATION HE CONDUCTED FRIDAY, DAY FOLLOWING PRIMIN TANAKA'S
RETURN FROM HIS VISIT TO FIVE SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS. DR.
WAKASUGI ATTRIBUTED SLOW RECOVERY TO THE STRENUOUS PACE OF PRIMIN'S
OVERSEAS TRIP.

2. PRIMIN TANAKA'S LEFT JAW SHOWED PRONOUNCED SAG DURING HIS
TELEVISED PRESS CONFERENCE FRIDAY MORNING. LITTLE IMPROVEMENT WAS
VISIBLE IN SUNDAY EVENING TV NEWS COVERAGE OF HIS CAMPAIGN
APPEARANCE IN SENDAI THAT DAY IN SUPPORT OF LDP MAYORALTY CAN-
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DIDATE DAZUO AICHI, SON OF LATE FINANCE MINISTER KIICHI AICHI.

3. COMMENT: PRIMIN'S SWOLLEN JAW VISIBLE IN WEEKEND TV
NEWS COVERAGE DOES NOT SEEM TO INTERFERE WITH HIS NORMAL
VIGOROUS SPEAKING STYLE OR HEAVY WORK SCHEDULE. JAPANESE SUPREME
COURT OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBOFF THAT PRIMIN REGRETTED DINNER FOR
CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER EVENING JANUARY 28 ON GROUNDS THAT HE MUST
GO TO KANTO COMMUNICATIONS HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT OF DISORDER.

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